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COUNTRY	Polish Occupied Germany REPORT
Ir	Oth Mecz Inf Regt in Sagan. 2. 11th Mecz Div in Sagan and Troops and military installations in Sagan and Sorau.  Oviet Troops in Neuhammer and Polish Troops in Sieradz.
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·	in the former Dachsberg Kaserne in Sagan (0 52/B 26), 3 kilometers 25X1 northwest of the center of the city on the north side of the Sorau (0 52/B 16) road. The quartering rooms in the installation were occupied above capacity.  On an average, 20 soldiers were accommodated in a 36-qm room. The regiment25X1 was subordinate to the 11th Mecz Div whose headquarters was also located in Sagan. 1
2.	The 29th Mecz Regt was organized into three infantry battalions, a tank battalion, an artillery battalion, an engineer mpany. a signal company, a reconnaissance platoon. a motor transport company
	The 1st and 2d Inf Bns were organized into three infantry companies each. Each company numbered 100 to 120 men. The strength figures of the companies were subjected to substantial variations as recruits were assigned at an unequal rate. The 3d Bn which was a cadre unit was organized into two small infantry companies and a heavy weapons company. The battalion trained the NCO candidates. About 50 percent of the soldiers of each company were NCO candidates. The tank battalion, the strength of which averaged  250 men, was organized into three companies each of which had 7 T-34/85 tanks. The artillery battalion of the regiment was organized into a mortar battery of 6 or 8 x 120-mm mortars, in AT company of 6 x 57-mm guns, and a battery of 6 heavier guns of an unknown model. The engineer company which numbered en estimated over 100 enhisted men had 12 half-ponteons which were loaded onto 4 trucks, an undetermined number of pneumatic boats, and one or two meter boats. The recommaissance plateon was subordinate for discipline and siministration to the signal company which numbered about 60 men. The recommaissance plateon had model BA-64 armored secut cars, East-German—10 300-com BAN cole metercycles, and heavy Polish-made model M-20 700-com materials with sidecars. The motor transport company which numbered 140
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- 3. The Polish Lieutenant Colonel Jaworcki (fnu) was the regimental commander. Officers of the regimental headquarters included Major Wydra (fnu) and Saptain Mroczek (fnu). The artillery battalion was commanded by Major Pattorniak (fnu) whose deputy was Captain Peterko (fnu). The 1st Bn was led by Senior Lieutenant Domaiski (fnu), the 2d Bn by Senior Lieutenant Kie/basa (fnu). The signal company was led by an officer named Guziek (fnu) whose rack was unknown. As the commander of the transport company who was a captain was absent the unit was led by Officer Candidate Kuibida (fnu). The political officer of the company was Officer Candidate Bonk (fnu). The motor transport officer of the regiment was Major Sakiewicz (fnu) whose deputy was Captain Gu/a. Except for the tank battalion, each company was usually staffed with one officer and the political officer only. Political officers were also assigned to the battalion headquarters and the regimental headquarters. 3
- 4. In the fall of 1951, most scliiers of the regiment belonged to the 1930 and 1931 classes. In the spring and fall of 1952, recruits of the 1932 class and deferred members of older classes were assigned to the regiment.

  About 70 percent of the soldiers of the regiment came from the areas of Lodz (0, 52/0 93), Pabianice, Edunska Wola (0, 52/0 52) and Sieradz (0, 52/0 42) and the formerly Polish section of Honer Silesia. The units sporadically included German soldiers.

The units were below authorized strength. The numbers of recruits assigned to the companies was also insufficient as, at that time, the recruiting district headquarters had not enough young men available. In an effort to eliminate the shortage of officers, the unit leaders recommended for training as an officer any soldier who slightly satisfied the requirements. In may cases the subject soldiers attempted to avoid their nomination for training as officers.

15. In November 1951, the units of the regiment wore khaki uniforms and red cap bands. The tank battalion wore gray blue uniforms and black cap bands. Later, all units of the regiment and the division received black cap bands. The tank units also received khaki uniforms instead of their blue gray ones. Arms insignia mounted on the collar patches of the tank soldiers represented miniature brass tanks, Other soldiers were also allowed but not bound to wear arms insignia. They had to purchase at their own expense these insignia which were worn on dress uniforms only. It was known that riflemen wore crossed-rifle insignia, artillerymen crossed-barrel insignia, motor drives winged-wheel insignia, and signal soldiers lighting insignia. These insignia were generally worn in exceptional cases only.

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	which had just been manufac	tured in Laband (Q 51/Y	38). Most tanks	• .
	of the battalion were manuf	actured after the war. So	ome tanks from	
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	light machine guns with dis	sk magazines, and four 82	-mm mortars.	
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	in the eastern wine of the	former Artillerie Kaserne	in Sagan.	25X1
	The division	was commanded by the Sov	iet Colonel Jerczow	
	(fnu) who wore only Polish	uniforms. It was subordi	nate to a corps	
	headquarters in Breslau (P	52/C 41). The commanding	general of this cor	<sup>'ps</sup> 25X1
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	identified as tanks and all activated in the fall of 1	so included SU-122 SP gun	s. The regiment	
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